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Efforts to Strengthen U.S.-Algerian Economic Relations

Officials from the office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), led by Deputy Assistant USTR for Eurasia and the Middle East Mark Mowrey, met June 19, in Algiers, with several of their Algerian government counterparts from the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Industry and Mines, ONDA, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss issues relating to Algeria's World Trade Organization (WTO) accession negotiations, and the bilateral Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA). Discussions covered a variety of topics including IPR protections, Algeria's investment climate, and steps necessary to advance Algeria's WTO accession bid. The two sides welcomed the chance to deepen their engagement on these issues and discussed possibilities for future bilateral discussions, including the next meeting of the TIFA council.

The USTR meetings continue the U.S. government's efforts to deepen U.S.-Algeria relations by strengthening economic and commercial ties. The meetings follow the successful conclusion of the Algiers International Trade Fair, where the United States was the Country of Honor.

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